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TULUM INSIDER: DEREK KLEIN

In a town of “creative nomads,” Derek Klein, the founder of Tulum’s chicest new boutique hotel, Casa Pueblo, is an influencer worth following. With the addition of a second, beachfront property to his portfolio, it’s clear that Klein is just getting started.

How will Casa Pueblo Boca Paila be different from the original location? With Casa Pueblo (pictured here), I wanted to create an oasis in the middle of town—an inspiring space where people could come together to work, chill, cool off. With Boca Paila, we designed our dream beach house. It’s a Caribbean colonial home: floor-to-ceiling windows, coral walls, and beach oak doors, centered around a red-and-white-tile pool. We have a look-out deck as well, where we will serve Sangria every day at sunset.

What do you wish more people knew about Tulum? That it’s not just about the beaches, especially now. It’s about the people here, who are creating a young, vibrant community.

What is your goal for the Casa Pueblo brand? To expand outside of Tulum into an innovative boutique hospitality brand.

Did you always want to work in the hotel business? I grew up working in the entertainment industry. I’m a storyteller. I love creating a storyline through design. Hospitality is an extension of that. It’s all theater.

SNEAK PEEK: FOUR SEASONS LOS CABOS

A part of the sprawling, 1,000-acre Costa Palmas complex, which will also welcome an Aman hotel in 2020, the 141-room Four Seasons Los Cabos hotel opens in November along a stunning stretch of white-sand beach (one of few swimmable beaches in Cabo). Our team got a pre-opening tour of the property, which will include four pools, a Robert Trent Jones II golf course, tennis and basketball courts and an outpost of NYC’s popular Estiatorio Milos restaurant. The highlight of the trip: lounging at the stylish beach club—where Gwyneth Paltrow had her bachelorette party in 2016—and enjoying a lunch of fresh tuna tartare and guacamole. From $900.

HONEYMOON WATCH: THE GREEN O

Montana’s traditionally family-friendly Paws Up hotel is unveiling The Green O, an all-inclusive romantic property, in May. Guests will stay in sleek, Frank Lloyd Wright–esque “haus” rooms, including four treehouses suspended in the woods. Scandinavia-inspired interiors are cozy and smartly designed, with hot tubs, terraces and all-glass walls, allowing guests to feel ensconced in the woods. The 12 rooms surround a foodie-friendly restaurant and a 45-foot lookout tower. Activities, too, cater exclusively to couples, such as trail rides followed by sunset champagne and helicopter rides to Glacier National Park. From $2,400.